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FOR AMBASSADORS AND PAOS

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON ZAIRE

1. IN CONSULTATION WITH ICA, DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROVIDING  
YOU WITH PERIODIC UPDATES OF PRESS GUIDANCE ON ZAIRE WHICH  
YOU MAY WISH TO USE BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY IN CONVER-  
SATIONS WITH INFLUNTIAL HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS INCLUDING  
PRESS AND RADIO. POINTS RELATING TO AFRICAN TAKEOVER OF  
SECURITY FORCE IN SHABA AND WIDER ROLE THAT OAU MIGHT PLAY  
IN RESOLUTION OF ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE  
STRESSED. END LOU.

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-- THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN ANY COMMITMENT  
FOR THE CREATION OR SUPPORT OF A GENERAL PAN-AFRICAN DEFEN-  
SE FORCE. OUR ACTIONS RELATING TO ZAIRE HAVE BEEN EXCLU-  
SIVELY FOCUSSED ON THE IMMEDIATE SECURITY NEEDS OF SHABA.

-- MOST EUROPEAN TROOPS HAVE QUICKLY BEEN REPLACED BY

AFRICAN TROOPS IN SHABA. AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AND OTHER PARTICIPATING AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MOVEMENT OF AFRICAN TROOPS TO ZAIRE.

-- THE AMERICAN PORTION OF THE AIRLIFT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND OUR PLANES AND ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL RETURNED TO THEIR STATIONS IN EUROPE AND THE U.S.

-- FURTHER INSTABILITY AND VIOLENCE IN SHABA MUST BE AVERTED. THE AFRICAN TROOPS IN SHABA SHOULD PROVIDE IMMEDIATE PHYSICAL SECURITY, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT LASTING SOLUTIONS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE. WE LOOK TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS, AND THE OAU FOR DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN PROVIDING FOR LASTING PEACE.

-- THERE IS A CLEAR NEED FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA, AND FOR A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM THAT EACH WILL RESPECT THEIR COMMON BORDER AND WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE OTHER'S INTERNAL UNREST.

-- AFRICAN GOOD OFFICES TO ASSIST IN THE EASING OF BORDER TENSIONS PERHAPS INCLUDING OAU SUPERVISION, AND THE BROADER QUESTION OF RAPPROACHMENT BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA APPEAR TO BE SUITABLE SUBJECTS FOR OAU CONSIDERATION AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE UPCOMING KHARTOUM SUMMIT.

3. PARIS MEETING: THE JUNE 5 PARIS MEETING BETWEEN FRANCE, BELGIUM, THE FRG, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE U.S., WAS CALLED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO FOCUS ON THE INTERTWINED ECONOMIC AND SECURITY PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE INVASION OF SHABA WHERE FIGHTING WAS STILL TAKING PLACE. A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED. THE UNITED STATES MADE NO COMMITMENTS, BUT GENERALLY AGREED THAT A COORDINATED, MULTIDONOR RESPONSE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SOLVE ZAIRE'S PROBLEMS.

4. BRUSSELS MEETING: REPRESENTATIVES OF 12 NATIONS (BELGIUM, CANADA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY, IRAN, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, SAUDI ARABIA, THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ZAIRE), AND THREE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, AND INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) MET JUNE 13-14 IN BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS THE MOBUTU PLAN, A MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO EXAMINE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO AID ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ZAIRE PROPOSED FINANCIAL REFORM

MEASURE, E.G., IMF EXPERTS IN THE CENTRAL BANK AND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, THAT WOULD BE ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AS PART OF THE MOBUTU PLAN.

THERE WAS CONSENSUS AT THE MEETING THAT A NEW IMF ENDORSED STABILIZATION PROGRAM WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS

OF THE MOBUTU PLAN AND THE THE FUND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE SHOULD NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ON THE QUESTION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO MEET ZAIRE'S SHORT-TERM NEEDS IN WAKE OF THE ATTACK ON KOLWEZI, IT WAS DECIDED THAT DONORS SHOULD COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH EACH OTHER AND BILATERALLY WITH ZAIRE.  
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THE PARTICIPANTS ALSO AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN A FEW MONTHS TO ASSESS PROGRESS ON THE REFORM AND STABILIZATION PROGRAM THAT GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAS UNDERTAKEN. THE NEXT MEETING, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE IBRD, WILL ALSO ADDRESS MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE.

THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THIS TECHNICAL, EXPLORATORY MEETING WENT TO GAIN INFORMATION, TO LISTEN TO THE PROPOSALS ON AIDING ZAIRE'S EMERGENCY NEEDS, ITS LONGER TERM ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AS WELL AS PLANS FOR REFORM. WE MADE NO COMMITMENTS AT THE MEETING. WE ARE REVIEWING THE RESULTS, ASSESSING ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC PROPOSALS AND COMMITMENT TO REFORM, AND CONSULTING WITH ZAIRE AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS AS WE FURTHER DEFINE WHAT FORM ADDITIONAL AMERICAN ASSISTANCE MIGHT TAKE.

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